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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Preaction Sprinkler Systems at Goddard Space Flight Center

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1. In view of recent discussions between RECD and the Agency Safety Staff concerning the advisability of installing a wet pipe sprinkler system in Computer Room (2S645) at [REDACTED] I felt recent comments by Mr. Bill Durham, President of Amplitron Co., concerning preaction type sprinkler systems might be of interest. Amplitron is the alarm system specialist company that designed the fire and smoke detection systems currently installed in the ISD, OCS, and CRS Computer Centers at the Headquarters Building.

2. Mr. Durham indicated that the Goddard Space Flight Center has approximately 10 preaction type sprinkler systems installed in their computer centers and no wet pipe systems. Mr. Durham said that he attended a meeting at the Space Flight Center to discuss computer room fire protection systems with representatives from the NASA Safety Staff and Computer Centers. According to Mr. Durham the members of the Safety Staff argued strongly for installation of wet pipe sprinkler systems and the computer operators adamantly opposed the installation of such systems. The differences of opinion apparently resulted in a compromise on the preaction type sprinkler systems which have now been installed.

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